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and Home Coming
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HOME COMING AND CENTENNIAL GREAT SUCCESS

Wonderful Week of Reunion
and Celebration Now
in Full Blast at Louisa.

Louisa holds the largest crowd this week, and one of the largest that ever assembled within her limits. It is good for the soul to watch the greetings of the scores of old friends, many of whom have not seen each other for 40 years, others for 20, 25 or 30 years. They are bubbling over with joy, and many are the instances in which they involuntarily embrace and imprint kisses that ordinarily would not be exchanged. And it is alright and perfectly proper on this occasion.

The Home Coming has brought former citizens from all points of the compass and the affair is a big success. Letters and telegrams of regret have come from some who could not attend.

They began to arrive Saturday and the influx has continued in growing numbers right along. Everybody gives unmistakable evidence of enjoyment. There is something to do all the time.

The decorations of streets, buildings and homes are very attractive. Main Cross street in front of court house square is cut off from automobile and vehicle traffic. Two huge arches span the street at each end of the square. "Welcome Home" stands cut in strong letters from the central place in these arches. This wide and beautifully paved street and the shady lawn of the court house square form an ideal place for all the outdoor exercises. Decorations of bunting, flags and pennants, and lines of electric lights are very tastefully arranged. A stand for speakers is located in the street.

"Welcome" is on the door mats, the door posts, the faces of our people, and in their hearts. And we know the old friends are glad they came back to the old home town on this occasion. The homes are open to them and it is difficult to judge which are having the best time—the hosts or the guests.

After prayer by Rev. John Cheap, the exercises opened on Monday afternoon with a warm address of welcome by Mayor L. F. Wellman. He voiced the sentiments of Louisa and Lawrence county in well chosen and fervently uttered language.

Then a quartette composed of Will Cain, Ora Atkins, John Burns and Lela Wellman sang "Home, Sweet Home." Everybody joined in the chorus. Hon. R. C. McClure, master of ceremonies, presented Mrs. Melva Gartin Funk of Chicago, who made a beautiful response to the address of welcome. She is one of the most enthusiastic of the great number of people who have come back home for this occasion, and her heart was in everything she said. We hope to publish at least a portion of her address later, if not this week.

She was followed by Dr. W. B. McClure of Lexington, a law practitioner, who delivered a most pleasing and appropriate address. He reversed the trend of the speeches and gracefully paid tribute to the fellows who had stayed with the old home town and made it what it is. He reviewed local history in an interesting manner.

Next came Major D. J. Burchett, now physically of Mr. Sterling, but in spirit of Louisa. We may be taking undue liberty in saying this, but his heartfelt speech so impressed us. He went back nearly 75 years, to the time his residence in Louisa began, and made many references by name and otherwise to people who have lived here. His address was warmly received by the large crowd.

Luther Walter of Chicago was the next speaker. He has been absent about 28 years, during which time he has developed into a very useful, efficient and capable citizen. He is a polished speaker of fine presence and perfect poise. Not only that, but what he says is worth while and to the point. His address was a gem. The fact that he left his busy office long enough to come to this home coming is sufficient evidence of his deep interest in his old home county.

J. W. Stewart put the finishing touches on the welcome program. He lives with one foot in Ashland and the other in Louisa, and he doesn't care who knows it. He said he could hardly decide whether he should have been on the program to welcome the visitors or to respond to the Mayor's welcome. So he did a part of both and did it beautifully.

There was not a dull moment in the entire program and everybody present was better for having been there. The spirit of the occasion was decidedly elevating and inspiring. It was really a love feast and it put the occasion in proper tune for the week of celebration.

Delightful Music.

The Kentucky Cardinals Band arrived Monday evening at 6:30, the train being late. A short time later the band gave a concert on Main Cross street in front of the court house. The large crowd that gathered was captivated by the excellent music rendered. It soon convinced the people that advance notices were not exaggerated. These youngsters play like veterans. They have a wonderful director, one of the most thorough musicians in the country. The results here.

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J. W. M. STEWART.

Amongst the many who have gone out from Lawrence and won success in the world none has done better than the subject of this sketch. After practicing law here successfully for a few years in partnership with his father, Judge James E. Stewart, he moved to Ashland and became the associate of Hon. John P. Hager. This was about 35 years ago. No law firm in the State stands higher today than that of Hager & Stewart.

Mr. Stewart attended Vanderbilt University and finished his law course at the University of Michigan. In addition to taking care of the law practice he has made large investments which have turned out well. All along through his busy life he has given time and money to churches and schools and he is very active in civic movements for the upbuilding of the community and such as are designed to promote higher standards. Mr. Stewart is a loyal and enthusiastic friend of the Big Sandy Valley. His forebears, the Mayos and Stewarts, were among the earliest settlers of the valley and all down the line these families have been leaders in the important affairs of Eastern Kentucky. Mr. Stewart is largely interested in the coal development of this section and in many Ashland enterprises.

We are glad to print his picture this week and he will be more surprised than anybody else when he sees it.

RAILROAD STRIKE YET UNSETTLED

The last effort to settle the railroad strike failed and the end is not in sight. Meanwhile the coal situation is bad because enough coal can not be shipped and the government regulation boards are only retarding shipment. Under their fool rules cars are refused to mines that want to run. People who want coal are shut out because they are not on the list that fits exactly into their regulations. The C. & O. is giving very poor service in handling what is loaded. The N. & W. is doing better.

Henry Ford will shut down. He will shut down his great plants Sept. 16, throwing 150,000 men out of work, and perhaps many more indirectly. He refuses to pay \$6 for coal, as he uses 75 car loads a day at his auto factory. The railroad strike is the cause of it.

Rev. Jas. D. Bell Closes Pastorate in Louisa

Rev. J. D. Bell, pastor of the M. E. Church, South, at this place closed his year's work last Sunday. He preached at both services, morning and evening. He has been here three years as pastor, moving here from Charleston, S. C. He is a very able preacher and he and his family are well liked in Louisa.

PROF. J. B. MCCLURE.

Prof. McClure was here from Omar, W. Va., a portion of the week. He is entitled to a place amongst the educators of other days, who are being included in our review this week. (We are not attempting to cover present school facilities and faculties.) For a number of years Prof. McClure gave his good services to Louisa. He is now at the head of a school employing 11 teachers. He has been there several years and has made a decided success. Omar is Dalton & Kelley's big mining town in Logan county, W. Va. It is one of the model mining towns of the country.

has attained with these 35 young men, boys and girls, is remarkable. The music being furnished daily by this band is one of the real features of this big week.

Airplane Flights.

The Big Sandy Aerial Navigation Company made flights over Louisa on Monday at 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., and is continuing this each day, and the sight is highly interesting to the people, many of whom have never before seen an airplane, especially at close range. The landing field is at Eloise, one mile south. Persons desiring to take rides are permitted to do so at the customary rates.

The baseball game between Ashland and Louisa was won by Louisa, 8 to 1. The prize Monday evening was a \$250 phonograph. Mrs. J. M. Rankin got it.

PROGRAMS OF TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY GOOD

Military Day and Educational Day Made Up of Interesting Features.

Tuesday, Military Day.

On Tuesday morning there was a military parade led by Col. Jay H. Northup and Capt. J. W. Yates on horseback, following the band. The former was in uniform and Mr. Yates had across his shoulders a quilt into which a Confederate flag had been worked. There were five old soldiers of the Civil war on horseback and others followed in automobiles, the blue and the grey side by side.

Next in the procession came Spanish American veterans and then some of the World war men. Bringing up the rear was the State cavalry troop of this county, commanded by Capt. Fred See.

As far as we could get their names the following Civil war veterans were in the march:

Col. Northup, J. W. Yates, H. E. Ferguson, Geo. Keggs, Bob Chaffin, on horseback.

R. F. Reynolds, Marion Stone Maj. Burchett, J. C. L. Moore, Wiley G. Prater, Dr. J. F. Hatten, Jas. T. Jones, H. Allison (colored), B. C. Roberts, Wm. Carey, Jess Maynard, Tom Pigg, Mat Elam, Jed Davis, Captain Blankenship, R. A. McKee.

The Poppy Day appeal by Fred M. Vinson and M. S. Burns was made to the crowd that assembled after the parade. Girls had been through the streets selling poppies. This fund is for building a university at Washington as a memorial to the soldiers of the World war and the quota for each county all over the United States is one dollar for every soldier sent out. Lawrence sent \$51.

Afternoon there was a baseball game between the teams and bats. The team played the fault to death in two innings and quit. The score was disgraceful.

The Cavalry troop gave a machine gun demonstration at Lick creek at 3:30. Then there was an airplane flight.

In the evening the band concert brought out a large crowd who greatly enjoyed the music. Mrs. L. S. Johnson and Mrs. Sullivan sang an old song very beautifully from the speakers stand, by request of a number of people. After the concert Miss Pauline Funk of Chicago, sang in the M. E. Church South, some songs composed by herself. One was written especially for this occasion and it is published in this issue of the NEWS. Also, she sang a lullaby. Both were beautifully rendered. She possesses a good soprano voice and it is well cultivated. Miss Funk writes the music and the words and then sings the songs, a remarkable combination of talents. The songs given Tuesday evening were very beautiful. Miss Jeanne Adams played her accompaniment. Miss Funk is the talented daughter of Mrs. Melva Gartin Funk, a native of Lawrence county, sister of the John P. Gartin, whom we have loaned to Ashland for awhile.

June Wald, an old man formerly of Martha, but now in Illinois, drew the \$100 set of wicker furniture Tuesday evening.

Wednesday, Educational Day.

After an enjoyable band concert from 10 to 10:40, Hon. George Colvin, State Superintendent of Schools, was introduced by Sup't. Dock Jordan to the large crowd assembled in front of the court house. He spoke for a little more than an hour in his vigorous and impressive way, dealing with the present disturbed conditions first and then launching into the subject nearest his heart—education. It was a great speech. He denounced in the most scathing terms the practice of mixing politics with school matters. He pleaded for better schools and for a higher standard all the way through Kentucky's educational affairs. His speech was pitched upon a high plane. His audience was very liberal in applause and those who heard him are profuse in their praise of the address.

Base Ball Game.

In the afternoon the Wayne and Louisa base ball teams played a good game, Louisa winning 10 to 2. Tavenner pitched a fine game and Frasier put up his usual strong game behind the bat. There were seven Huntington players in the Wayne team, including Midkiff, the professional, and Ramsey, the best pitchers in Huntington. They met the surprise of their lives. Only four hits were made off of Tavenner.

There was a band concert in the afternoon with the usual amount of interest displayed by the audience.

Masonic Academy Reunion.

At 3:30 at Masonic Hall there was a meeting of the old Masonic Academy pupils and a number of the close friends of Dr. G. W. Wroten. Hon. John F. Hager of Ashland presided. Twenty-five of those present were students at Masonic Academy at some time between 1866 and 1870. We believe there has been no gathering in Louisa that has surpassed this one in wholesome sentiment and emotion. Mr. Hager was very happy in his manner of directing the meeting, mixing humor with pathos, and keeping away from formality. He announced at the outset that all were to be school girls and boys again for the duration of this meeting—no doctors, judges, mistresses or misters—but John, Will, Dan, Lizzie, Hannah, etc. And this was carried out. More beautiful and fitting tribute could not be offered than Mr. Hager paid to his beloved teacher, the departed Dr. Wroten; and he was deeply moved, as were all others, by the testimony that came so freely and earnestly from many of those in the gathering. There was a degree of sadness running through the meeting, yet a joy inexpressible pervading this re-union. Some volunteered to speak and others were called upon. Those who responded were Dr. Ben McClure, Lon Hutchison, Capt. F. F. Freese, Fred Gallup, Major D. J. Burchett, R. C. McClure, Mrs. Hannah Lackey, Mrs. Sam See, Mrs. Ida McConnell, Mrs. Stella Franklin, Dan Tavenner, M. F. Conley, Mrs. Ella Hays and R. S. Billups.

The following persons were present at the meeting:

Belle Burchett See,
Wm. H. Billups,
Ida Rice McConnell,
Ada Rice Thomas,
Reba Lackey Corns,
Lida Rice Lackey,
Lizzie Burns Johnson,
Samuel Milton Freese,
Sophia Hutchison Mason,
Nellie Geiger McDerby,
Wave Hutchison O'Neal,
Grace Wallace McClure,
George N. Waldeck,
Thurra Burns Williamson,
Myrtle Chapman,
Jettie L. Rolfe Crutcher,
Cora McHenry Burns,
Anice Davis,
Emma Pritchard Andrews,
Fred G. Moore,
Vie Vinson Prichard,
Jennie Vinson Garred,
Jock Carey Johnson,
Abiele Abbott Carey,
John J. Johnson,
Nelson Sparks,
David Thompson,
E. E. Shannon,
Kate Sullivan Shannon,
G. Fred Gallup,
Ella Johns Hays,
Hannah Moore Lackey,
W. B. McClure,
R. C. McClure,
J. S. Billups,
Elizabeth W. Smith,
Mrs. Charles Warren,
F. T. D. Wallace, Jr.,
Dan Davenport,
Wm. N. Sullivan,
Lon H. Hutchison,
John F. Hager,
Frank F. Freese,
Ethel O'Brien Green,
Frances McConnell Crowell,
M. F. Conley.

Wednesday Evening.

Rain interfered with the evening program, but after it stopped, the band gave a pleasing concert.

Two prizes were given away. The leather couch or davenport went to Mrs. Theodore O'Neal of Busseyville and the kitchen cabinet to Chas. Elkins of Fallsburg.

Thursday.

This is fraternal day and the opening of the county fair.

After a band concert from 10 to 11 a. m., there were brief fraternal addresses by Major Burchett, Rev. J. D. Bell and W. J. Roberts.

The lodge rooms were open all day and officials registers were provided. Ball game and music in the afternoon. V. B. Shortridge and Hence Vanhorn opened the county fair. The women's department is in the new Walters building and agricultural exhibits in the court house. Live stock on Water street side of the public square.

Do not fail to see the historical exhibit in the court house.



MRS. BELLE MOORE.

Mrs. Belle Moore, now 80 years old, is the oldest member of the M. E. Church South at this place. She joined at age 14. Her father's family came here from Tennessee when she was a small child. Her maiden name was O'Brien. She was a sister of Judge James H. O'Brien and Mrs. Wm. Moore, and is the widow of Mr. F. R. (Tip) Moore, who died more than a year ago.

Mrs. Moore has been a most useful woman, always ready to help the sick and needy of the community.

EXTRA COPIES OF THE NEWS.

We have printed a considerable number of extra copies of the Big Sandy News this week, as many people have ordered extras. It covers more local history than ever before was gathered together in one publication. Single copies will be furnished at 10c. Six copies for 50c, one dozen for \$1.00.



LUTHER M. WALTER.

Lawrence county has a right to be proud of the man whose picture is shown just above this sketch. He has won fame and some big fees in the legal profession. His career as an expert in Interstate Commerce law started in Washington. Then he located in Chicago where his success has been very marked. He ranks high in legal circles in the big city of Chicago and has been called to other parts of the United States in large cases.

He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Walter of Blaine, Lawrence county. He was always bright, studious and ambitious. He attained an excellent education and then went out into the world and made good. Lawrence county is proud of him, and the committee chose him to deliver a response to the address of welcome on this home coming occasion.

The Airplane Was Wrecked on Wednesday

Very much to the regret of everybody the airplane that was employed to fly at the centennial celebration every day, was badly wrecked Wednesday morning after the usual flight. In attempting to land at Eloise the machine came in the edge of the cornfield and the tail corn broke the propeller blades. The machine hit the ground hard and broke the wings from one side and otherwise damaged it. The flyer and the passenger were not injured. The latter was Charley Kinner.

The machine is so badly damaged that it can not be repaired in time to make any more flights here this week. This is very much regretted by all, but the accident was, of course, unavoidable.

Dr. Grover C. Daniel Makes a Contribution

U. S. Vets Hospital No. 95
Walla Walla, Washington

Editor Big Sandy News:—
I get my copy of the NEWS regularly and certainly enjoy the news from home. Am very much interested in the Home Coming Week although I'll be unable to attend. Enclosed find check for five dollars which I trust will be of some help in making the event a success.

Sincerely,
GROVER C. DANIEL.

Mrs. Margaret Bird Goes to Porto Rico

Mrs. Margaret O'Brien Bird, who has lived at Ann Arbor, Mich., for some time is to sail on Sept. 8 for Porto Rico where she has accepted a position as teacher in the University. She will be accompanied by her two children, Katherine and Billy. She was graduated from high school in Louisa and taught here before her marriage. After the death of her husband she went to Ann Arbor and completed a course in the University.

A "GRIEVE-US" ERROR.

The article about Prof. T. B. McClure in the second section of this week's edition contains an error that may shock him as well as others when they read it. We wrote the "years of his maturity" and the wicked linotype set the last word so it spells something very different and quite impossible. A correction was marked in the proof, but as it often occurs, the most outrageous errors will get on the way through. Such is life in a newspaper office. We hope Prof. McClure will feel that the joke is on us.

M. E. CHURCH SOUTH.

We find records of this Sunday school as far back as 1868. It is our desire that every one whose name has ever appeared on the roll, who can possibly do so, be present on Sunday, Sept. 3, for a reunion. Also we extend a cordial invitation to every one, including any visitors in town to meet with us on Sunday morning at 9:15.

AUGUSTUS SNYDER, Supt.

MRS. FUNK'S SOCIAL SERVICE WORK IN CHICAGO

Luther Walter paid a very high tribute to the great work done in Chicago by Mrs. Melva Funk. She has given years of service to the betterment of conditions for poor children and Mr. Walter testifies to the wonderful results she has accomplished in that big city. Just another case of Big Sandy putting it over the rest of the world.

COUNTY FAIR LAST TWO DAYS OF THIS WEEK

Program Being Carried
About as Published in
Premium List.

Friday and Saturday will be occupied by the county fair program. You will find full list of prizes and conditions in the pamphlet programs, of which there is an ample supply at the disposal of everybody.

There will be a baby show Friday at 2 p. m.

The Ford car will be awarded Friday evening and the Studebaker on Saturday evening.

Mrs. Sam See will make a speech on good roads Saturday at 10:30 a. m. from the grand stand at the court house.

An effort is being made as we go to press to have an airplane here for Saturday in order to avoid disappointing people. The arrangements will be completed if possible.

Sunday's Program.

This week's program extends over Sunday. The Sunday Schools will have special exercises. All old members are invited home and a great many will be present.

The committee on the Sunday program wired Rev. H. C. Morrison, asking him to come to Louisa to address a union meeting Sunday. Also, other big men are under consideration and it is expected that some man of wide reputation will be secured.

Personnel of Lawrence County Centennial Association

Augustus Snyder, President.
M. S. Burns, 1st Vice President.
M. F. Conley, 2nd Vice President.
Dr. T. D. Burgess, 3rd Vice President.
Geo. R. Vinson, Treasurer.
C. F. See, Jr., Secretary.
Clyde L. Miller, Manager.
Fred M. Vinson, Associate Manager.
R. C. McClure, Director of Publicity.
O. C. Atkins, Director of Conventions.
R. L. Vinson, Director of Entertainment.
Dr. Proctor Sparks, Director of Athletics.

A. J. Garred and G. W. Hale, Directors Clean-up Campaign.

A. H. Snyder, Director of Traffic Regulations.
W. T. Cain, Jr., and Jno. B. Vaughan, Directors of Music.

G. R. Burgess and J. Laskaky, Directors of Street Decorations.
John G. Burns and G. C. Baker, Directors Finance Campaign and County Fair Section.

The greater part of the work fell upon the manager, C. L. Miller. He planned most of the affair and looked after its execution. The success of the occasion is the highest compliment that can be paid to him for this big job, which has cost him much arduous labor and no reward except the consciousness of doing a good piece of community service, one that is bringing happiness to so many people.

THE KENTUCKY CARDINALS.

The following is from the Mayaville Daily Ledger of Tuesday:
"The Kentucky Cardinal Band which is this week making music for the Louisa home coming and the Lawrence county fair was heard from for the first time Tuesday morning. The members of the band are having a great time according to the telegram received by Col. Russell from Messrs. Frank Hendrickson and A. L. Glascock, who are in charge of the band."

The telegram says:
"Played concert to 3000 people last night. Received great applause. Music appreciated. The boys are making a great hit with the Big Sandy girls as the music is with the people. The boys are charmed with the girls and we will have hard time to get them away. All well and pleasantly located. You ought to be here to enjoy the glad hand they are giving us. Send more Cardinal post cards at once!"
HENDRICKSON & GLASCOCK.

LOUISA'S SIX EX-POSTMASTERS.

Louisa has a remarkable record in its long list of ex-postmasters who are living, covering a period of more than 50 years. Only two are dead, Mrs. Chattie Sullivan and James A. Abbott. Those living are all in Louisa this week. They are Leo Frank, Major D. J. Burchett, R. C. McClure, M. F. Conley, A. M. Hughes and Robert Dixon.

MORE PICTURES FOLLOWING.

The Big Sandy News did not get all the pictures desired for this issue. Next week will contain a few more in connection with the closing report of this week's affair.

We know there will be names omitted and special mention not made this week because it is impossible to cover this big affair completely in limited space.

THE KENTUCKY CARDINALS A WONDERFUL BAND

We shall not undertake in this issue to give proper notice to the great band we have in Louisa this week. In our next issue we shall tell our readers some inside facts about this interesting organization.